

Please add the following claims:

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- 33. (New) A disposable absorbent pant comprising:
a chassis including a front panel, a back panel, a crotch panel, and an
absorbent structure adjacent said crotch panel, said front panel and said back panel being
selectively joined to form a waist opening and a pair of leg openings; and
a closed-loop waist elastic system including an elongate sleeve member
defining an elongate passage therein, said waist elastic system being a separate structure
from said chassis and being generally peripherally disposed about said waist opening, and at
least one elongate elastic member disposed within said elongate passage.
34. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 33, wherein said chassis is
formed from a multi-layer structure including an outer cover and a liner, said absorbent
structure disposed between said outer cover and said liner.
35. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 34, wherein one layer of said
multi-layer structure includes an extension portion extending beyond an edge of another
layer of said multi-layer structure and peripherally surrounding said waist opening.
36. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 35, wherein said waist elastic
system is connected with said chassis only by connection with said extension portion of said
one layer of said multi-layer structure.
37. (New) The disposable pant of claim 33, wherein said at least one elongate
elastic member comprises a plurality of elastic members.
38. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 33, wherein said at least one
elastic member is substantially freely movable within said elongate passage.
39. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 33, wherein said at least one
elastic member is intermittently joined to said elongate sleeve member at spaced apart zones.
40. (New) A disposable absorbent pant comprising:

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a multi-layer chassis including an outer cover, a liner, and an absorbent structure disposed between said outer cover and said liner, said outer cover having a first surface facing said liner and a second surface opposite said first surface, said chassis formed as a pant and including a waist opening and a pair of leg openings, one layer of said multi-layer structure including an extension portion extending beyond an edge of another layer of said multi-layer structure and peripherally surrounding said waist opening; and

a closed-loop waist elastic system including an elongate sleeve member defining an elongate passage therein, said waist elastic system being generally peripherally disposed about said waist opening, and at least one elongate elastic member disposed within said elongate passage, said elongate passage formed by folding said extension portion upon itself and joining an end portion of said extension portion to a surface of said extension portion.

41. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said extension portion is formed from said outer cover.

42. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 41, wherein said surface of said extension portion to which said end portion is joined comprises said second surface of said outer cover.

43. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 40, wherein said one layer comprises a nonwoven layer.

44. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said at least one elastic member is substantially freely movable within said elongate passage.

45. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said at least one elastic member is intermittently joined to said elongate sleeve member at spaced apart zones.

46. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said closed-loop waist elastic system has a magnitude of decay of 48.95 to 86.77 grams at an extension of about 300 millimeters over the first three cycles.

47. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said closed-loop waist elastic system has a magnitude of decay of 53.40 to 86.77 grams at an extension of about 275 millimeters over the first three cycles.

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48. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said closed-loop waist elastic system has a magnitude of decay of 51.17 to 80.10 grams at an extension of about 250 millimeters over the first three cycles.

49. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said closed-loop waist elastic system has a magnitude of decay of 48.95 to 71.20 grams at an extension of about 225 millimeters over the first three cycles.

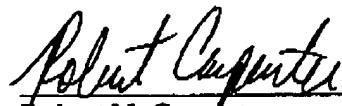
50. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said closed-loop waist elastic system has a magnitude of decay of 31.15 to 64.53 grams at an extension of about 200 millimeters over the first three cycles.

51. (New) The disposable absorbent pant of claim 40, wherein said outer cover comprises a liquid-permeable layer and a liquid-impermeable layer.--

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

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